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FOURTH NAVRATRA

Maa Kushmanda

Maa Kushmanda is the fourth incarnation of Maa Durga and worshipped on fourth Navratri. Maa Kushmanda is said to be creator of the universe. Her presence is 'Surya Manda' by virtue of which rays of light enlighten the universe. She has eight hands and hence, also called 'Maa Ashtbhuja'. In her seven hands, she has Kamandal, Bow, Lotus, Amrit Kalash, Chakra and Gadha. Eighth hand has string of beads having all the 'Siddhis' and 'Nidhis'. Lion is the ride of Maa Kushmanda :-

"Om Hreeng Kleeng Bhagwati Kushmande Mum Sarvam Kaamnaay Pooray Pooray Thaa Thaa Swaha"

ॐ ह्रीं क्लीं भगवती कूष्मंडि मम सर्वम् कामनाय पूरय पूरय ठा ठा स्वाहा

Making J&K disaster resilient top priority: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at the event on Disaster Risk Reduction at Kashmir University on Tuesday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that making Jammu and Kashmir disaster resilient is a top priority and significant steps are being taken to strengthen disaster risk reduction system in the Union Territory.

Addressing an event on Disaster Risk Reduction organized by J&K Disaster

Management Authority at University of Kashmir, the Lieutenant Governor said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the UT Administration is committed to reduce impacts of natural disasters on lives and livelihoods.

He shared the efforts of UT Administration for effective disaster preparedness mech-

anisms, building safe and resilient J&K.

Due to climate change and increasingly extreme weather events, the natural disasters are striking places that have not seen destructions from natural hazards before. We have to shift our approach from reactive response to proactive prevention and preparedness to

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Couple found dead under suspicious circumstances

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: A couple was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Rajouri district, an official said.

Mohammad Azam and his wife Gulzar Begum were found dead at their home in Dhok Bagla area on Kandi belt, where five army personnel were killed and a major was injured in an explosion triggered by terrorists in May in the thickly forested area, the official added.

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Diagnostic centres, labs, single doctor clinics asked to register under Clinical Establishments Act

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: In order to streamline the functioning of Diagnostic Centres, Laboratories, single doctor clinics in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Health and Medical Education (H&ME) department on Tuesday ordered these institutions to register under the Clinical Establishments Act and the Health Facility

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Modi says IMEEC can transform global maritime industry, invites investors to partner with India

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor has the potential to 'transform' the global maritime trade, and invited investors to partner with the country to be a part of the initiative.

Speaking at the inauguration of the third Global Maritime India Summit (GIMS) via a video-link, Modi said India was able to forge a historic consensus at the G20 for the IMEEC, and added that the initiative will prove to be a catalyst for prosperity, the same as Silk Route was a few centuries ago.

He also unveiled 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', a blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy.

In line with this futuristic plan, the prime minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone four projects worth more than Rs 23,000 crore that are aligned with the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' for the Indian maritime blue economy. The summit was also attended by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) Sarbananda Sonowal and his deputies Sripad Naik and Shantanu Thakur, officials from the ministry and other stakeholders.

"The corridor (IMEEC) has the potential to transform the global maritime industry," he said, adding that the initiative announced at the G20 meeting in New Delhi earlier this



year will drive positive changes in global and regional trade. "For investors, this is an opportunity to partner with India and be a part of these efforts (of making the corridor happen)," he added.

Modi said the corridor entails a slew of developmental initiatives, including building next generation mega ports, international container transshipment ports, island development, inland waterways and expansion of multi-modal hubs. The IMEEC will help reduce the cost of

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J&K Govt constitutes panel to identify Foreign Nationals illegally staying in UT since Jan 2011

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Government constituted committee headed by Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department to identify Foreign Nationals illegally/ overstaying in the UT of J&K, since January 1, 2011.

"Sanction is accorded to the Constitution of a Committee with Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department as its Chairman to identify foreign nationals illegally/overstaying in the UT of J&K since January 1, 2011," reads an order issued by Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home

Department, Raj Kumar Goyal. As per order5, the Members of the Committee are Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO) BOI, Amritsar, Punjab; Senior Superintendent of Police, CID, Special Branch, Jammu; Senior Superintendent of Police, CID, Special Branch, Srinagar; All District SSPs /SPs (FRO); and State Coordinator, IVFRT, NIC, J&K. "The Committee shall prepare monthly report of missing foreigners in the UT of J&K and submit by 7th day of every month to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Gol, New Delhi," it added.

Two BSF personnel receive bullet injuries along IB

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Two Border Security Force (BSF) personnel suffered gunshot injuries in a firing incident along the International Border (IB) here on Tuesday evening, officials said.

The injured BSF personnel were admitted to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital and their condition was stated to be "stable". Though the BSF remained tight-lipped about the incident, official


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Rape accused dies in police custody in Poonch, probe ordered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH/JAMMU: A man who was arrested for allegedly kidnapping and raping a woman in Poonch district died in police custody, prompting the administration to order a magisterial probe into the matter on Monday, officials said.

"A report was received from Surankote sub-divisional magistrate that

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 17.8°C Min: 15.0°C

Humidity
Max: 90 Min: 80

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.6°C Min: 6.7°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 84

Sunset : 17:50 Hours
Sunrise : 06:31 Hours

BJP working to boost development, tourism, peace in J&K: Chugh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: BJP is working to boost development, tourism and peace in Jammu and Kashmir with computers in the hands of youth, while 3 dynastic parties want to push the Union Territory into the turmoil and hand stones and AK 47 to the youth, said BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh.

Tarun Chugh, along with BJP President Jammu and Kashmir Ravinder Raina, Seh-Prabhari BJP J&K Ashish Sood, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and senior leader Devender Singh Rana was addressing a workshop on 'Booth Jana Sampark Maha Abhiyaan' at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

If left unaddressed, Palestine issue would affect peace, stability in West Asia: Farooq

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday said the Palestine issue, if left unaddressed, would have far-reaching consequences on the peace and stability in West Asia.

Interacting with reporters here, Abdullah said India has historically been supportive of the Palestinian people but it is "very unfortunate" to see a marked change in its stance.

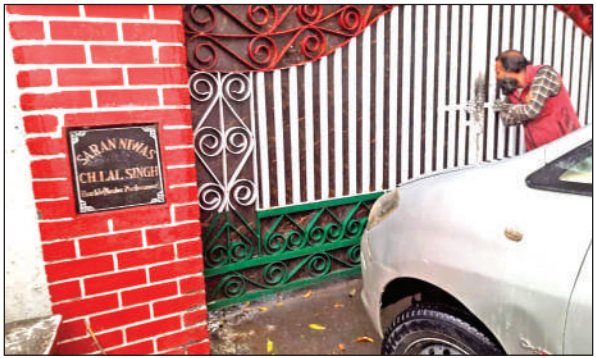
"The issue of Palestine, if left unaddressed, will have far-reaching consequences on the long-term peace and stability of the entire West Asia region," Abdullah, the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar, said. He said it is sad that no one is

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ED conducts searches at 8 locations in PMLA case against educational trust run by ex-minister's wife

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Enforcement Directorate Tuesday conducted searches in Jammu and adjoining areas as part of a money laundering probe against an educational trust run by ex-minister Lal Singh's wife and a former government official in connection with alleged irregularities in land purchase to set up the trust, official sources said.

The federal agency raided about eight premises in Jammu, Kathua and Punjab's Pathankot in the case against RB educational trust, its chairperson and Lal



Singh's wife Kanta Andotra, as well as Ravinder S, a former revenue official.

The money laundering case stems from an October 2021 charge sheet filed by the CBI

in this case which alleged criminal connivance in the issuance of land between January 4 and January 7, 2011, without mentioning details in respect of violation

Portion of Jammu's Ranbireshwar temple collapses Authorities plan stability audit of religious places

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A portion of the ancient Ranbireshwar temple here collapsed after being struck by lightning amid heavy rains on Monday morning, the Dharmarth Trust, which manages the temple, said.

There was no loss of life or injury to anyone in the incident, it added.

"It is an ancient temple in Jammu. It is 200 years old. Amid ongoing rains, the front portion of the temple collapsed due to lightning at around 9.30 am," Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary of the Dharmarth Trust, told reporters.



SDRF team on job after a portion of temple collapses in Jammu on Tuesday.

He added that disaster relief personnel were on the site.

The incident prompted the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to plan a dimension stability audit of all religious places in the city.

The decision was taken by Mayor Rajinder Sharma. Speaking to PTI, the mayor said, "There is always an issue of stability of dimensions of buildings. We will conduct a dimension

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SC refuses to grant legal validation to same-sex marriage

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: In a setback to gay rights activists, the Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriage, saying there was "no unqualified right" to marriage with the exception of those that are recognised by law.

Holding that transgender people in heterosexual relationships have the freedom and entitlement to marry under the existing statutory provisions, the apex court said an entitlement to legal recognition of the right to union, akin to marriage or civil union, or conferring legal status to the relationship can be only done through "enacted law".

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud

delivered four separate verdicts on a batch of 21 petitions seeking legal sanction for same-sex marriages.

All the five judges were unanimous in refusing to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriage under the Special Marriage Act and observed it is within Parliament's ambit to change the law for validating such union.

They, however, made an impassioned pitch for granting benefits and privileges that are otherwise available to married couples, to people in same-sex relationships, and steps to ensure they are not discriminated against.

While the CJI wrote a separate 247-page verdict, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul penned a 17-page

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Landslide blocks Jammu-Srinagar NH

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was closed for traffic on Tuesday due to landslides in Ramban district, leaving over 200 vehicles stranded.

Snowfall in the high altitude areas and rains in plains of Jammu region continued for the second day, triggering cold wave conditions.

The 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with rest of the country, was blocked by landslides triggered by heavy rains at Dalwas and Mehad in Cafeteria Morh area and shooting stones in Trishul morh area of Ramban district, officials said.

The work to clear the landslides is going on but the heavy rains are making it difficult for the men and machines to clear it.



Vehicles stranded after landslides blocks Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on Tuesday.

The Mughal road, which connects Shopian in Kashmir Valley to Poonch, has been closed for traffic due to snowfall for the second consecutive day, they said.

The Mughal road has been blocked due to heavy snowfall in Pir ki Gali area, officials said.

Guldanda, Chatergalla pass in Bhaderwah (Doda), Mohu Mangat (Ramban), Pir Ki Gali (Poonch), Wardwan (Kishtwar) and Pir Panchal hills are among the areas that received snowfall.

The administration has shut schools in Ramban district due to bad weather con-

ditions.

"In view of continuous rains since Monday, all schools up to higher secondary level in Ramban shall remain closed today", a spokesperson said.

However, exams, if any, shall be held as per the notified date, he said.

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